



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

July 27, 2022

7 p.m.

Select Board members Present: Wes Daniel, Tom Johnston and Mitch Garnett

Others Present: Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson, resident/Alewives Committee member Charlotte Henderson, and Maine Rivers Executive Director Landis Hudson and Project Manager Matt Streeter.

Wes Daniel called the Select Board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approve Summary of July 20, 2022: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated July 28, 2022:

P/R Warrant #60: \$4,759.30

A/P Warrants #61 and #62: \$23,128.50 and \$44.60. The second AP warrant is for real estate transfer tax costs associated with quitclaim deeds for a tax-acquired property.

Motion to approve all three warrants by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Road Foreman Report: Written by Frank Jones Jr. and read by Wes Daniel

7/18: Cut brush and ditched on Sprague Road; Steven in late because of doctor's appointment

7/19: Ditched and cut brush on Sprague Road; David in late because of doctor's appointment

7/20: Worked on Sprague Road cutting brush and ditching

7/21: Ditched on Sprague Road, David and Frank left at 1:30 and Steven re-marked Sprague Road for DigSafe

7/23: Frank called out for downed tree on Mountain Road; with help from Jimmy, it took 2 ½ hours to clear that one and another on Vanner Road

CEO Report: None

Health Officer Report: None

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The town has received a state revenue sharing check in the amount of \$27,947.86.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson said she met on Thursday with Jason from MMA regarding safety and it went well; office staff will work on updating safety protocols.

Quitclaim deeds for the auction of tax-acquired property are ready to be signed by Select Board members.

One liability insurance quote for the broadband project has been received and the projected cost is \$23,946.47. MMA will not insure any of the broadband project during construction so a full \$5 million policy (\$2 million primary and \$3 million excess) is needed. Mary reached out to the governor's office to seek additional money and received a response from Peggy Schaeffer with ConnectMaine Authority, who said she is working with Mark Oullette of Axiom to resolve the issue.

Jeff Grinnell emailed Mary his thoughts about the first Ambulance Advisory Committee meeting, which were positive. She read from the email, which included that no officers have been elected and the group will meet bi-weekly. Union Ambulance's Jesse Thompson applied for and received a grant to study how EMS is provided in the three towns (Washington, Union and Appleton). The study should be done by the end of this year.

Mary and Assessor's Agent Becky Adams completed the property tax commitment process in TRIO today and the bills will be sent to the printer Thursday and mailed by the end of next week.

The Property Tax Stabilization Program is active now. Mary believes it will be difficult to administer but Becky is gathering as much information as she can about it.

One person has already paid 2022 property taxes.

Other Agenda Items:

Select Board members signed the quitclaim deeds for tax-acquired property. As well, the 2022 property tax commitment paperwork was signed by Select Board members.

Maine Rivers' Landis Hudson spoke about the effort to bring alewives back to Washington Pond and said she hoped Select Board members would be willing to sign a letter of support for the project, which has been in the works for a while. Site visits have been done and she's met with the Waldoboro town manager. Landis said there is a lot of grant funding available for infrastructure at this time.

Wes made a motion to sign the letter, Tom seconded, adding there should be no change in water levels; all in favor, motion carries.

Other business: None.

Questions/comments: Wes mentioned an event being planned called "Nail the Snail," for which organizers wondered if they need permission to use the public landing. Wes said, and others agreed, the landing is for public use so no permission from Select Board members is required.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell